

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Accompanying Continuation Application under  
37 CFR 1.53(b):

Prior Application: N. MATSUNAMI et al  
Serial No. 10/405,645  
Filed: April 3, 2003

Group Art: 2186  
Examiner: Stephen C. Elmore  
For: A DISK STORAGE SYSTEM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application  
as follows.

**IN THE TITLE**

Change the title to: DISK STORAGE SYSTEM INCLUDING A  
SWITCH.